

Application No.: 10/007,452

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(PATENT)**REMARKS**

Claim 15 has been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-35, 37-49, 51-66, 68 and 69 remain pending in the instant application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 35, 37-49, 51-66, 68 and 69 have been allowed.

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujiwara, U.S. Patent No. 6,088,599.

Claims 16-34 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 15 has been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended to include all the limitations of previous base claim 15. Thus, the objection to claim 16 should be withdrawn.

Remaining objected claims 17-34 all depend from claim 16. As such, the objections to claims 17-34 should be withdrawn in light of amended claim 16.

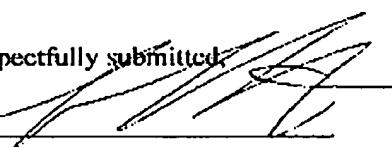
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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